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## **Amendments To Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method for a client to authorize an automated clearing house (ACH) transaction <u>via the world wide web</u>, the method comprising the steps of:

prompting the client to enter authentication credentials to access an online web interface to a financial provider network;

allowing the client to access the online <u>web</u> interface when the authentication credentials are verified, wherein the online <u>web</u> interface enables the client to define ACH transaction parameters including whether the ACH transaction is at least one of one-time, recurring, and scheduled;

storing the ACH transaction parameters in a database; and
executing an authorized ACH transaction based on the ACH transaction
parameters, wherein the authorized ACH transaction debits a first account and credits a second
account.

- 2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of: modifying the ACH transaction parameters to create modified ACH transaction parameters;
  - storing the modified ACH transaction parameters in a database; and providing notice of an executed ACH transaction.
- 3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of providing access to the ACH transaction parameters and ACH transactions history.

Claim 4 (canceled)

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1,4, wherein the ACH transaction is an ACH-in transaction that electronically transfers client funds from a client account at a third party financial institution to a client account at a financial service provider.

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6. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the ACH transaction parameters comprise:

a routing number for a client third party financial institution,

a client account number at the client third party financial institution and financial service provider; and,

an amount of funds to be transferred between a client account in the client third party financial institution and a client account at the financial service provider.

7. (currently amended) A method for authorizing an automated clearing house (ACH) transaction, the method comprising the steps of:

prompting a client to enter authentication credentials to access an online web interface to a financial provider network;

allowing the client to access the online <u>web</u> interface when the authentication credentials are verified, wherein the online <u>web</u> interface enables the client to define ACH transaction parameters including whether the ACH transaction is at least one of one-time, recurring, and scheduled;

automatically executing an authorized ACH transaction based on the ACH transaction parameters.

- 8. (previously presented) The method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of: notifying the client of the executed ACH transaction.
  enabling modification of the ACH transaction parameters; and storing and acknowledging the modified ACH transaction parameters.
- 9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the access to the online web interface is via a computer having a web browser application.

## Claim 10 (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method of claim <u>8</u> 10, wherein the ACH transaction is an ACH-in transaction.

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12. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the inputted ACH transaction parameters include information selected from the group comprising:

a routing number for a third party financial institution; an account number at a third party financial institution; and, an amount of funds to be transferred.

13. (currently amended) A method for a client to individually set-up and authorize an automated clearing house (ACH) in transaction, the method comprising the steps of:

providing an online <u>web</u> interface on a financial services provider network to enable the client to define ACH-in transaction parameters including whether the ACH-in transaction is at least one of one-time, recurring, and scheduled;

allowing the client to securely access the online web interface via a client computer having a web browser application;

storing and acknowledging the ACH-in transaction parameters;

automatically executing an authorized ACH-in transaction based on the ACH-in transaction parameters to electronically transfer client funds from a client account at a third party financial institution to a client account at the financial services provider;

notifying the client of the completed ACH-in transaction; and enabling the client to modify the ACH-in transaction parameters.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of storing and acknowledging the modified ACH-in transaction parameters.

Claim 15 (canceled)

- 16. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the ACH-in transaction parameters comprises:
  - a routing number for a client third party financial institution,
- a client account number at the client third party financial institution and financial service provider; and,

an amount of funds to be transferred between a client account in the client third party financial institution and a client account at the financial service provider.

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